

SENATE RESOLUTION 71
By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor Bob Couch on receiving the "Mr. Democrat" award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should recognize those Tennesseans who have served their respective political parties with dedication and excellence; and

WHEREAS, Bob Couch is one such remarkable man who exemplifies meritorious public service, and

WHEREAS, this exemplary gentleman was the first recipient of the Tullahoma "Lifetime Achievement" award; and

WHEREAS, he is also a photographer, historian, teacher, father, and grandfather; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Couch is a third-generation Tullahoma businessman and Democrat ;
and

WHEREAS, Mr. Couch has co-chaired Coffee County's successful campaign to elect Frank Clement governor of Tennessee in 1953. He has also worked with purpose and commitment in the campaigns of Kenneth McKellar, United States Senator; Estes Kefauver, United States Senator; Gordon Browning, former governor of Tennessee; Joe L. Evans, United States congressman; and both Albert Gore, Sr. and Vice President, Al Gore, Jr. in their successful bids to the United States senate; and

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WHEREAS, his love for politics is only surpassed by his love for Tullahoma, his church, and his family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Couch and his wife, Dot, have been married for 44 years and have been blessed with two daughters, Fran Gray and Candy Couch; one grandson, Jacob; and

WHEREAS, he is a Sunday school teacher and has also served astutely as chairman of the board at First Christian Church; and

WHEREAS, this body finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor Bob Couch; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor Mr. Bob Couch on receiving the "Mr. Democrat Award" from the Highland Rim Democratic Committee, and commend him upon many years of outstanding and dedicated service to the Democratic party, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. Bob Couch, with this final clause omitted from such copy.